



Maryland Agriculture Data

Weekly Crop and Weather Report



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Dry Weather Continues

Last week’s weather continued this month’s dry trend as Maryland farmers had an average of 6.5 **days on fieldwork**. In fact, all areas of the state are at below average amounts of precipitation for September thus far. Nevertheless, farmers took advantage of the weather working on activities such as harvesting fourth cuttings of hay. Sixty three percent of **fourth cutting alfalfa hay** has been harvested, 19 percent ahead of last year, and 23 percent ahead of the five year average. **All other hay, fourth cutting**, is 32 percent harvested, 11 percent ahead of last year, and 14 percent ahead of average. **Hay supplies** are currently rated 9 percent surplus, 82 percent adequate, 6 percent short, and 1 percent very short.

Fruit harvest continues with 25 percent of the **apples** harvested, 1 percent behind last year and matching the five year average. Apples are rated 73 percent in good condition, 25 percent fair, and 2 percent poor. The **peach** harvest is winding down with 94 percent harvested, 3 percent behind both last year and the five year average.

Subsoil moisture surpluses depleted last week due to the dry weather. **Topsoil moisture** is rated 1 percent surplus, 65 percent adequate, 28 percent short, and 6 percent very short. **Subsoil moisture** is now 69 percent adequate, 22 percent short, and 9 percent very short.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 9, 2001 (PERCENT)

ITEM	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 1996-2000
Harvesting Progress:				
Apples	25	22	26	25
Cantaloupes	89	86	96	95
Corn, for grain	6	4	8	8
Corn, for silage	39	18	29	32
Cucumbers	80	79	90	91
Peaches	94	90	97	97
Snap Beans	83	80	84	87
Sweet Corn	91	87	93	92
Tobacco	72	62	75	73
Tomatoes	87	75	86	91
Watermelons	83	78	94	93
Crop Progress:				
Corn, dough	95	90	94	91
Corn, dent	79	64	68	70
Corn, mature	43	23	35	31
Sorghum, turning color	29	25	44	40
Sorghum, mature	5	- -	4	3
Soybeans, setting pods	97	85	94	92
Soybeans, turning color	8	4	18	13
Hay Harvested:				
Other hay, 3 rd cutting	74	73	59	69
Other hay, 4 th cutting	32	27	21	18
Alfalfa, 3 rd cutting	97	94	89	90
Alfalfa, 4 th cutting	63	45	44	40

CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 9, 2001 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	2	8	21	54	15
Soybeans	1	5	21	56	17
Sorghum	0	0	0	100	0
Pasture	2	13	42	32	11

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